**Doubling of Patna-Gaya rail track**

†*479. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering complete doubling of Patna-Gaya rail track under the Danapur Railway Division of Eastern Railway; if so, the details thereof;

(b) by when this track would be completely doubled; and

(c) the length of rail track for which sanction has been given as on date for doubling and by when the same is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NATISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Doubling of Patna-Gaya section (91.75 km.) has been taken up in phases. Patna-Parsabazar section (7.24 km.) has already been doubled.

Work is in progress in Parsabazar-Punpun-Taregna section (22.28 km.). Doubling of Gaya- Chakand (9.29 km.) has been included in the Budget 2002-2003 and would be taken up once the Budget is passed by the Parliament. Parsabazar-Punpun (6.01 km.) has been targeted for completion during 2002-2003 and Punpun-Taregna (16.27 km.) is expected to be completed during 2003-2004. The doubling of Gaya-Chakand section will be completed in 2003-2004.

**Vocational schools**

†*480. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of vocational schools in the country is less than their requirement;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of vocational schools in the country; and

(c) the average percentage of the number of such vocational schools, as per population of the respective State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) "Education" is in the concurrent list of Constitution and the responsibility for education, including vocational

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.